

North American Wetlands Conservation Council Meeting Highlights

March 25, 2013

The North American Wetlands Conservation Council (Council) met on March 25, 2013, in Crystal City, Arlington, VA, to select wetlands conservation projects that will be recommended to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission (Commission) for funding approval on June 5, 2013.

The total estimated funding of \$66,213,986 (from all funding sources) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 is allocated as follows: All Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act receipts and Justice Department directed fines must be used within the United States, while all other receipts will be allocated 50% to projects in the United States, 45% to projects in Canada, and 5% to projects in Mexico. The estimated country allocations are: United States, \$43,485,575 (including \$3,000,000 allocated for the Small Grants Program); Canada, \$20,455,570; and Mexico, \$2,272,842. A portion of the United States funds (\$84,500) is derived from fines paid under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and must be spent within the states of Oklahoma and Wyoming.

The Commission approved spending FY 2013 funds on selected proposals totaling \$18,471,646 and \$20,260,213, on September 12, 2012 and March 6, 2013 (pending), respectively. This leaves \$27,482,127 in available funding for FY 2013 allocated as follows: United States, \$7,216,800 (including \$3,000,000 allocated for the Small Grants Program); Canada, \$20,455,570; Mexico, **\$190,243** (deficit).

Project Proposal Recommendations

In 2010, the Commission authorized a base allocation of \$3,000,000 with funding authorized up to \$5,000,000 for the Small Grants program. The Council approved the following 46 U.S. Small Grant Program proposals, a total of \$3,028,878 in funding. Matching contributions for these proposals total \$7,525,627.

Alamo Beach Wetland Restoration and Enhancement, TX

Appalachia Ohio Wetlands, OH

Bare Marsh Wetland Restoration - Coeur d'Alene River WMA, ID

Bark Camp Barrens, TN

Belgrade Wetlands Restoration, ME

Big Rivers Corridor Project, KY

Broad Brook Habitat Preservation, MA

Chippewa Bay - St. Lawrence River IBA, NY

Coastal Palmetto Bay Habitat Restoration Project, FL

Cooke Restoration - Pickerel Creek, OH

Country Meadows Acquisition, NJ

Deep Fork NWR, OK

Detroit Lakes WMD Wetland Restoration - 2012, MN

ECOHIO Wetland Restoration, OH

GCJV Mottled Duck Conservation Plan - Phase 6, TX

Glacial Ridge NWR Wetland Enhancements - 2012, MN
Grand Forks Prairie Project, ND
Greater Summerhill IBA (Maneri), NY
Horizon Habitat Enhancement, CA
Hurds Pond Focus Area Phase I: Hauk-Fry Property, ME
Joel Marsh Renovation, WI
Kandiyohi County Wetlands, MN
Maher Farms Restoration, CA
Maidstone Bends Floodplains, NH, VT
Mollicy Farms Wetland Restoration, LA
Morris Wetland Management District Wetland Restorations, MN
Natchaug Marsh Restoration Part 2, CT
North Shore Land Acquisition - Worm, MT
Northeastern Indiana Wetland/Grassland Restoration Program, Phase III, IN
Northern Lakes Habitat Program, WI
Northwest Wisconsin Phase III, WI
Perley Mills, ME
Pershing SWA Habitat Program, WI
Pymatuning Wildlife Management Area Wetland Project, PA
Republican River Restoration, CO, KS
River Raisin - Trachet Easement, MI
Robinson Rock Chute Wetland Habitat Improvement, IA
Rockrimmon Road Conservation Area, NH
Rocky Gutter, MA
Save the Bay Tidal Marsh Transition Zone Restoration Project: Eden Landing, CA
Scuppernong River - Phase IV, WI
South Fork, Forked Deer River, TN
Sullivan Gulch Restoration, OR
TNC NC Clay-Based Bays Project, NC
Twelve Mile Lake Wetland Project, IA
Wetland Enhancement and Restoration at Deal Island WMA, MD

The Council selected the following nine Canada Standard Grant Program proposals, requesting a total of \$22,343,782, to recommend to the Commission for funding. Matching contributions for these proposals total \$32,538,866.

British Columbia Pacific Coast and Canadian Intermountain Conservation Program, Alberta, British Columbia

Canadian Prairie/Parkland and Western Boreal Habitat Program, Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Northwest Territories, Saskatchewan, Yukon Territory

Ducks Unlimited Canada/Eastern Habitat Joint Venture Wetlands Conservation, New Brunswick, Newfoundland/Labrador, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Quebec

NCC Atlantic: Protecting Wetland and Upland Habitat, Eastern Habitat Joint Venture, New Brunswick, Newfoundland/Labrador, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island

NCC British Columbia: Canadian Intermountain Joint Venture and Pacific Coast Joint Venture Wetland-Associated Migratory Bird Habitat Conservation, British Columbia

NCC Ontario: Great Lakes Basin Wetland Habitat Conservation Project, Eastern Habitat Joint Venture, Ontario

NCC Prairies: Protecting Wetlands and Uplands, Prairie Habitat Joint Venture, Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan

NCC Québec: Protecting Wetland and Upland Habitat, Eastern Habitat Joint Venture, Quebec

Potholes Plus Project, Manitoba

Recent FY 2013 Federal sequestration budget reductions, combined with the funding of previously approved FY 2013 proposals, have created temporary deficits in U.S. non-coastal, Canadian and Mexican funding accounts. These account deficits will be addressed by reducing pending (Canada) and approved (U.S. non-coastal and Mexico) proposal amounts to meet the revised funding levels.

Scheduling

The next Council meeting will be held in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, on July 9 - 10, 2013.s

Meeting Summary

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